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| For: DISPERSION MANAGEMENT |) | Mail Stop RCE |
| SYSTEM FOR SOLITON OPTICAL |) | |
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RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is filed in response to the Ex parte Quayle Action (the "Quayle Action") dated January 14, 2003 in connection with the above-referenced application, the period for response to which is extended through June 16, 2003 (June 14, 2003 being a Saturday). A petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith. Also, a Request for Continued Examination, the appropriate fee, and a Preliminary Amendment are also being filed concurrently herewith.

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